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4. I asked Senator McCarthy if he were satisfied on the question of your correspondence with the Cal Tech scientists concerning testing by the transcript of the testimony before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy at the time of your confirmation. He said he was not quite satisfied with one point concerning any action you might have taken to have any or all of the scientists fired from Cal Tech. Your statement in the testimony is, "There was no scientist fired from Cal Tech on advice or recommendation from me, sir." Senator McCarthy feels the committee should know whether or not you recommended or even suggested that any of the scientists be fired, even as a comment made in momentary anger. Senator McCarthy also thinks that you continued to distort the scientists' position concerning unilateral testing. He said he is, therefore, asking Senate Armed Services to satisfy itself on these points.

5. Senator McCarthy then brought up the matter about which he was quite vague but seemed seriously concerned. He said that during the Geneva disarmament negotiations when you were Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission he remembered some stories about leaks from the AEC concerning resumption of testing and that President Eisenhower asked the FBI to investigate these leaks. He said what concerned him was whether you as Chairman with strong convictions about testing were playing some sort of "double game" at a time when the Administration's policy was to support the disarmament negotiations. Senator McCarthy said it was not a question whether you were right in your views but he inferred that in going into a position as important as the DCI he would want to know whether your personal views might lead you to unilateral action if you disagreed with policy determination. I am probably stating this a little more definitely than Senator McCarthy put it, but this is the meaning I obtained.

6. Senator McCarthy then continued to discuss in general terms the philosophy of the Administration in conducting cold-war operations and mentioned Iran as one in which he felt there was a very serious doubt as to the authority of the Administration to act. He stated he was not against cold-war activities but felt that there must be some adjustment of the governmental mechanism to deal with them. He said in general he was thinking of parallels with the Cabinet system even to the extent of doing without minority representation on the congressional side. We agreed that these were grave and difficult questions, and I thanked the Senator and left. By cabinet presumably he means parliamentary system.

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